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COMPLAINT by JANE B. FREIDSON

Sir or Madam:

Please accept this as my formal complaint regarding a violation of federal election campaign laws.

On September 9, 2008, I made an online donation to "Obama for America" in the amount of \$1,000.00, charged to my Chase Visa card. That donation is correctly reflected in the most recent report available on your website and I have no dispute regarding that donation.

On September 27, 2008, I made a second online donation to "Obama Fund" in the amount of \$500.00, charged to my Citibank Mastercard. For whatever reason, that donation was processed by the Obama campaign in the amount of \$5,000.00. When I received the confirmation email informing me of the amount of the charge, I immediately responded to the Obama campaign telling them it was an error and that my donation should be processed at \$500.00. I attach a copy of my email correspondence on September 27. Unfortunately, the charge appeared on my credit card bill in the amount of \$5,000.00. I attach a copy of the credit card bill.

I sought a correction of the error and a credit to my charge card through further email and telephone calls to the Obama campaign. I received assurances on the telephone twice that a credit would be processed, but it never was. When the Obama campaign failed to issue a credit to my card, I requested my credit card company to issue me a credit, which they did.

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However, after investigating my claim, my credit card company reinstated the full charge, finding that I was not entitled to a credit because "the service has been received." I attach of copy of the December 16, 2008 correspondence from Citibank.

I now see on your website that the Obama campaign reported my second donation in the amount of \$1,300.00. See attached printout from your web site.

I would very much like to know where the rest of the money charged to my credit card was applied and I presume you would want to know that as well. And at the end of the day, I would like a refund of the \$4,500.00 which I did not intend to donate to the Obama campaign.

I swear that everything in this letter is true and accurate. Kindly advise me of what I need to do to have my complaint resolved. Thank you.

Sworn to before me this ^{4th}
day of February, 2009

Mary M. Cronquist
Notary Public

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